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SUBJECT: ECONADS: STANDARDS HARMONIZATION: OPTIMUM METRIC FASTENERS

REF: A. USNATO 2352

B. USNATO 2612

C. BONN 7608

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1. SINCE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS RELATED TO STANDARDIZATION OF NUTS AND BOLTS WAS ON AGENDA FOR ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 21, CHAIRMAN REQUESTED U.S. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY FRG AND OTHER DELS ON MAY 7(REF B). US ECONAD REITERATED US POSITION STATED IN EARLIER MEETINGS (REFS A AND B) THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHULD PROCEED ON PRIVATE BASIS BETWEEN INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE U.S. AND EUROPE, AND THAT U.S.UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE REACHED AT RECENT JOINT MEETING IN MUNICH OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION ORGANIZATION (ISO). US REP ADDED THAT, AS WELL KNOWN WITHIN ALLIANCE, USG PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE ON STANDARDIZATION IN NATO CONTEXT. HOWEVER, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE IT NOT CLEAR THAT STANDARDIZATION PROBLEM AFFECTING ALLIANCE WILL DEVELOP SINCE MATTER STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS BEING WORKED OUT BY PRIVATE INDUSTRY. MOREOVER, US REP, NOTED THAT USG PROCUREMENT STANDARDS FOR FASTENERS STILL IN DEVELOPMENT STAGE.

2. CANADIAN REP REITERATED POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT THAT OTHER TECHNICAL BODIES WERE MORE COMETENT TO CONSIDER SUCH QUESTIONS, AND SUGGESTED THAT IF FRG WISHES TO PURSUE MATTER IT:

(A) INFORM COMMITTEE IN WHAT OTHER FORA IT HAS RAISED MATTER, AND  
(B) PROVIDE MORE PRECISE ANALYSIS OF EFFECT PROBLEM WOULD HAVE ON NATO AND ON NORTH AMERICAN-EUROPEAN TRADE.

3. FRG REP SAID THAT ON CHECKING FURTHER WITH BONN HE HAD LEARNED THAT TECHNICAL COMMITTEES HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER AT MEETINGS IN BOTH MUCICH AND BUDAPEST AND HAVE REACHED COMPROMISE AGREEMENT ON DRAFT AGENDA FOR AUTUMN ISO MEETING IN GENEVA. IN MEANTIME, FRG WILL NOT PRESS MATTER. (COMMENT: ON BASIS REF C, US ECONAD CONSULTED WITH FRG REP PRIOR TO MEETING AND SUGGESTED HE CHECK FURTHER WITH HIS ECON MINISTRY WITH WHOM U.S. HAD DISCUSSED MATTER. THIS OBVIOUSLY HELPED SOLVE GERMAN COMMUNICATION PROBLEM).  
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